

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by March 13, 2005, a Sunday, or by Monday, March 14, 2005.

Claims 2-12 and 14 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,653,833 to Watson et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,044,098 to Miller et al.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claim 14.

In view of the allowance of claim 14, claims 1 and 15 have been canceled. Dependent claims 2-12 have been amended, where appropriate, to depend on allowed claim 14, so that each of claims 2-12 depends ultimately from allowed claim 14.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12 and 14 now stand in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call from him in order to resolve any outstanding issues and expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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